(d) Does not arise.

Enquiry into death of lions and tigers in Nandankanan Park

235. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuance of the enquiry report relating to death of a large number of lions and tigers in Nandankanan Biological park earlier this year, the lions and tig*rs from that zoo have been shifted to other zoos;

(b) if so, the details of action taken in the light of the inquiry report; and

(c) whether any further casualty of lions4igers took place in the course of transport or rehabilitation or otherwise since the Nandankanan incident?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) In pursuance of the enquiry report relating to death of large number of tigers in Nandankanan Biological Park, Central Zoo Authority issued directions for transfer of 12 Tigers and 15 Lions from Nandankanan Biological Park to other zoos in the country. Of these 7 Tigers and 6 Lions were transferred to Vishakhapatnam Zoo of Andhra Pradesh. During the process of transport one Lion died. This hampered the process of the transfer of remaining Lions and Tigers. State Government has now agreed to transfer these animals to other zoos.

(c) Except the one Lion which died during the process of transport no deaths of lion or tiger have been reported in Nadankanan Biological Park after July 2000.